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## VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Marlene H. Dortch, Esq. Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: MB Docket No. 03-15

WLBT-DT, Jackson, Mississippi (Facility ID No. 68542)

FCC File No. BPCDT-19990714LC

Request for Waiver of July 1, 2005 Replication/Maximization Deadline

Dear Ms. Dortch:

As a precautionary measure, Civco, Inc. ("Civco"), permittee of television station WLBT-DT (Jackson, Mississippi) (the "Station"), by its attorneys, hereby requests waiver of the Commission's July 1, 2005 replication/maximization interference protection deadline. Civco's current construction permit for WLBT-DT does not expire until <u>August 20, 2005</u> (FCC File No. BPCDT-19990714LC).

In its Second DTV Periodic Review Report and Order,<sup>1</sup> the Commission adopted replication/maximization interference protection deadline for DTV licensees. Stations affiliated with the top-four networks in the top 100-ranked designated market areas that held construction permits with deadlines extending beyond July 1, 2005 were required to implement replication or maximization facilities by the expiration date specified in their construction permit.<sup>2</sup> On August 20, 2004, the Commission granted Civco a construction permit for WLBT-DT with an expiration date of August 20, 2005. On June 15, 2005, the Commission released a Public Notice explaining, among other things, that any station with a construction permit expiring after July 1 automatically would have its replication maximization deadline extended to the expiration date of its construction permit.<sup>3</sup> In an abundance of caution, however, and to the extent necessary,

Second Periodic Review of the Commission's Rules and Policies Affecting the Conversion to Digital Television, *Report and Order*, 19 FCC Rcd 18279 (rel. Sept. 7, 2004).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Id., ¶¶ 78, 84.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Public Notice, DTV Channel Election Issues – Compliance with the July 1, 2005 Replication Maximization Interference Protection deadline; Stations Seeking Extension of the Deadline, DA 05-1636 (rel. June 15, 2005).

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Civco respectfully requests that the Commission waive the July 1, 2005 interference protection deadline for WLBT-DT until and through the expiration of the Station's construction permit.

Please contact me if you have any questions about this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Shaun Maher (FCC)